Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

As I understand it, the law requires that the candidates of all parties be given equal time and fair representation to present their side of a particular issue. Sinclair has offered Senator Kerry equal time, but only to follow what is a deliberate misrepresentation of all his actions while serving as an officer in Vietnam.

The FCC is in a position to take action to prevent Sinclair from proceeding further with its program. In a democratic society, and particularly during a heated and divisive election campaign, we must be able to count on agencies of the Federal Government to protect our interests as citizens. This is a case where I believe those interests must be forcefully protected and advanced.

Thank you so much for your help.